

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit: Whereas James Gross hath made application to me for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to law. And whereas on the oath of Sarah J. Fountain has been proven that said James Gross was free born. I do therefore grant this certificate he is now about twenty four years of age five feet six and one half inches high or thereabout of a black complexion was born and raised in Caroline County and has no notable mark or scar that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Caroline County this sixteenth day of August
Anno Domini 1859

Robert J. Lumpkin

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit:

Whereas Eliza Clarkson hath made application to me for a certificate of her freedom agreeably to law: And whereas on the oath of Thomas Philibrough has been proven that said Eliza Clarkson was free born. I do therefore grant this certificate she is now about twenty nine years of age five feet and three inches high or thereabout of a chestnut complexion was born and raised in Caroline County and has a mark faintly over the left eye & has no other notable mark or scar that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Caroline County this twenty ninth day of August
Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and fifty nine

Robt: J. Lumpkin
Cir Ct for Caroline County